First Congregational
United Church of Christ

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An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

April 30, 2023
10:00 am

“Powerful Witness -Telling Our Story”
Fourth Sunday of Eastertide

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Hybrid Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

RINGING THE BELL — **MARTY KLEINO**

PRELUDE — *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud — **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

"Come Into God's Presence"
By Lynn Baird

WELCOME — **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS — **PASTOR LIZ**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - The Worship Leader is **Patty Sherwood**.
  - The Greeters are **Donna Eyster** (Roomie) and **Dan Kidder-McQuown** (Zoomie).
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Microphone muted Standing or seated optional — **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Every Step of the Way"
66 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsive — **PATTY SHERWOOD**

Leader: We gather to seek asylum from a world that sets neighbor against neighbor.

People: We gather to seek asylum from the temptation to draw and enforce boundaries that describe other people as not our problem.

Leader: We gather to seek asylum from a worldview that values us primarily as consumers, as wealth-generators, as units of production and consumption.

People: We name ourselves asylum-seekers.

Leader**:** We pray in our seeking; we may create the asylum for which we yearn.

People: **We pray, starting here, starting now, our seeking may crack open the empires we resist and turn away from, creating a whole world transformed into a place of safe asylum for all.**

HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing or seated optional — **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"De colores (Sing of Colors)"
402 NCH

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **Psalm 23** **PATTY SHERWOOD**

SECOND READING **Voices of the Affected** **MELANIE HARNER**

HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing or seated optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"My Shepherd Is the Living God"
247 NCH

MORNING MESSAGE **"Powerful Witness – Telling Our Story"** **MELANIE HARNER**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording
*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **MELANIE HARNER**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER *Unison with Microphone muted **MELANIE HARNER**

O God of Transformation,
Use us to embody your love in the world.
May broken hearts be embraced by our love.
May grieving mothers find us willing to share their tears.
May lonely elders find our community attentive.
May despairing teens feel encouraged by our support.
May displaced migrants be welcomed into safety here.
May unemployed workers find connections to stable work.
O Spirit, empower us to uphold the vulnerable.
Through our prayers and our actions, enable us to live into
your deepest longing for us and for your precious world. Amen.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING **MELANIE HARNER**

There is more than enough for all when we who break bread together are willing to share ourselves and our possessions. Let us give freely.

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

Please place in-person offerings in the gold offering plate on the table by the door.

Checks can be mailed to:
First Congregational United Church of Christ
PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"Be Thou My Vision"** **VISHNU SRINIVAS**
By Mary Byrne

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted Standing or seated optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Take My Gifts" v 2, 562 NCH

Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
*Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief***.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **PATTY SHERWOOD**

Thank you, God, for the abundant life we enjoy
because of our relationships with you
and the opportunities for sharing you provide.
We dedicate these gifts to be distributed in ways that
meet human need and offer praise to you. Amen.

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted Standing or seated optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Community of Christ"
314 NCH

BENEDICTION *Unison with microphone muted **PATTY SHERWOOD**

God of the outcast, marginalized, and sacrificing,
journey with your people on the road
of persecution, victimization, aloneness, and hopelessness.

Breathe new life, courage, and strength for the road ahead.
God, be with your people until justice covers the earth
and all is at peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE Please remain seated **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

"To God Be the Glory"
By William Doane

PASSING THE PEACE **FRIENDS GATHERED**

***Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click "yes")

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Hybrid Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Vishnu Srinivas Accompanist
Melanie Harner, Preacher

Jenn Zibbell, MID Ministry Intern
Patty Sherwood, Worship Leader
Marty Kleino, Usher & Bell Ringer

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ATTRIBUTIONS FOR TODAY'S BULLETIN

- **Call to Worship, Psalm 23 Reading, Disciples Prayer, Benediction:** *Liturgies from Below,* ed. By Claudio Carvalhaes (adapted)
- **Prayer of Dedication:** Lavon Baylor, *Taught By Love.* (adapted)
- **Cover Art:** ***The Beast,*** Moises Castillo, *AP*

  Central American migrants ride atop a freight train toward the Mexico-US border. Numerous check-points on the highways have forced migrants to travel on top of freight trains at night to avoid immigration agents in their determination to make it to the United States. *Read more-*

  https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2019/04/24/migrant-caravan-central-america-riding-beast-train-mexico/3563922002/
- **Hymn Profiles:** *The New Century Hymnal Companion,* Pilgrim Press (1999).

  "De colores- This Mexican folk song promotes racial understanding and cooperation. First stanza speaks to the colors of nature, the 2nd of the people of the earth. The song, originally written in Spanish, is a rally song for the United Farm Workers movement. Mexican music continues to reflect the Spanish cultural heritage of the nation. *De colore*s is commonly performed with guitars and trumpets in Mariachi style. This arrangement by Alfredo Morales incorporates repeated use of thirds in the treble part as is characteristic of Mexican folk music. Recent years have witnessed the uses of secular musical styles in churches in Mexico, including Mariachi mass, with guitars and trumpets."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For pastoral care needs and/or emergencies, please call or text Pastor Liz, 734-358-6108.

Worship Next Week: Worship Leader, Ellie Gusman ; Greeters, Patty Sherwood(Roomie) and **Jeanette Sherrill** (Zoomie).

A Message from Pastor Liz

Greetings Dear Friends in Christ,

It is after much prayerful thought and discernment, that I submit my resignation as Pastor and Spiritual Director of First Congregational UCC Ypsilanti. As my first call as an authorized UCC minister, Ypsi UCC will always hold a special place in my ministry journey. Throughout our time together, I have been honored and privileged to serve this small, but mighty and big-hearted congregation. I am grateful for the mutual love and support we have shared. I will miss you.

Over the last three years, we have partnered in life-transforming ministry beginning with my UCC MID journey to ordination. We tackled the Covid-19 pandemic, interactive hybrid Zoom worship, community social justice work, grant awards, book studies, pastoral care, celebrations of life, blessing of the pets, sponsorship of a new MID, website redesign, and Google drive collaborative team software. Most recently, some of us engaged in a formal community discernment process based on Susan Beaumont's liminal season leadership methodology. This resulted in Mission, Vision, and Values Statements reflective of the congregation's current identity, context, and call which will serve as a guide for increased vitality and growth.

During participation in the Christian Contemplative Practices Seminar offered by the UCC Southern New England Center for Leadership Development and funded by our UCC MI Conference Vitality Grant, I began to sense God calling me in a new direction to serve the wider UCC. I look forward to combining my pastoral experience, corporate professional experience, and MBA in organizational change management to help the wider church meet the needs of our rapidly evolving ministry context. It is with both sadness and anticipation of God's abundant future, that I lean into this emerging sense of call.

My last day with Ypsi UCC will be May 14, 2023, concluding with the UCC "Liturgy of Farewell" during worship. Please let me know how I may best support a smooth transition of my pastoral and administrative responsibilities over the next four weeks.

God's blessings and all best,
Liz

Worship Team will meet Monday, May 8th, 6:30 pm via Zoom. We will be planning summer worship and the transition to ZOOM-ONLY worship beginning May 21st. All are welcome.

Weekly Ypsi UCC Community Discernment Gatherings based on Susan Beaumont's book and bi-weekly Christian Contemplative Practices Sessions funded by our 2023 Vitality Grant have now concluded. Gratitude to all who participated and represented our larger faith community in this critical work during this liminal season of change, letting go, growth, and new possibilities. High levels of commitment and engagement to a collaborative, cooperative process of deep listening, prayer, meditation, and conversation have led to the creation of Ypsi UCC Mission, Vision and Values Statements unique to our small, but mighty congregation. These statements will serve to guide our church leadership's decision making, resource allocation, programming, and strategic planning processes as we move forward together to the abundant future God desires for us. In addition, they represent a positive asset for future grant applications from the UCC and external sources.

Ypsi UCC Mission Statement
Having received God's expansive and unconditional love, we act in ways to extend God's love and care locally and globally, striving for inclusion in all its forms.

Ypsi UCC Vision Statement

We aspire to be a community of faith that builds on the gift of God's expansive, unconditional love. We persistently strive, with many others, to find real life ways to creatively use God's powerful instrument of love. With God, we seek to shape a caring community where ALL people can live their best lives, comfortable in a sense of belonging, participation, safety, and abundance.

Ypsi UCC Values Statement

Inclusion. We seek to be a bold place to belong and a courageous spiritual home where all persons feel accepted. Our exuberant welcome is grounded in our UCC Open and Affirming Covenant celebrating everyone--including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, education, physical ability, cognitive ability, mental health, and spiritual or religious background. We embrace language inclusive of our understanding of God and of each other.

Equity. Committed to building equity in all systems, we take action by working for Justice, Peace, and Creation Care in our surrounding neighborhoods and the wider world. We are challenged to learn and grow spiritually**,** to be sent out to serve in a diverse variety of personal, vocational, and community social justice and leadership settings**,** according to our spiritual gifts and unique sense of God's call.

Caring. Guided by biblical Scripture and Jesus' vision of radical, counter-cultural love, we share kindness and compassion by responding with generosity and respect. We connect with others to build strong relationships based on mutual trust, authenticity, and integrity.

Resilience. Grounded in faith and hope in an abundant future, we persistently and organically rise to the challenges in front of us by cohesively pulling together in times of adversity and struggle.

Innovation. We embrace change with creativity and optimism trusting God to open new doors. We take informed risks to experiment with progressive novel ways to woisrship and serve that honor being in partnership with each other and with our wider community.

Some background to today's service: This month **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights** marks is 15th year working for immigration justice and protection for our Ypsilanti neighbors continuing to face daily threats of deportation and family separation. Below is the story of WICIR's beginning. We continue to pray that justice will come and our neighbors will be safe, welcomed and recognized for their contributions to our community.

In the beginning . . .

Palm Sunday afternoon, 2008: A church member was watching futbal (soccer) with friends in one of the Ypsilanti-Ann Arbor immigrant communities. Pittsfield Twp. Police and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents converged on the community. They had no warrant but said they were looking for a person who did not live there. They forced their way into the home, asked the immigration status of all present and demanded documentation. The people at that home produced documents authorizing their legal status. The YFCUCC member, a USA citizen, told the agents she was a citizen and had lived here all her life, but did not have documents to produce. One of the agents said "*Leave her alone; she's ok, her English is too good.*" They searched the home and finally left, taking no one.

It immediately became clear that forced entry was occurring neighborhood homes; people were running, shades were drawn, TV's turned off, and the neighborhood became quiet. The YFCUCC member drove the neighborhood to attempt to assess what was occurring. She saw 5 Pittsfield Twp Police cars and 3 ICE vans. She returned to her friend's home and others from the neighborhood started calling telling of similar stories and of those taken who could not produce acceptable documentation.

She heard from a friend, Juanita, whose husband and father-in-law had been taken in a violent arrest. Both men had been beaten with small children (USA citizens) and their mother witnessing. The mom had fled out a bathroom window with the children and was fearful of returning home.

Another woman had been taken from her job, leaving a child with epilepsy in the neighborhood with no one except the sitter with the child. One of the agents actually offered the child to the YFCUCC member and eventually left the child with a neighbor - - - protective service was not called.

That night, the YFCUCC member reported what she had witnessed and identified immediate needs for Juanita and her children and another mother and her children similarly affected. Member of the church made arrangements to house them for the night and provided formula, food, diapers and clothing.

Calls from others affected by ICE/police activity that same weekend came in. The next morning, YFCUCC people started calling members of other faith communities and justice organizations. With less than 8 hrs. notice, 50 people from 20 churches and organizations met at our church. The women came with their traumatized children and told their stories; the group heard all of what had taken place throughout the weekend. That night, a letter was written to ICE, $1500 was raised and the next morning several people arranged to meet with an ICE official to deliver the letter, register our outrage and concern, and attempt to "bond out" Juanita's husband.

We did meet with an ICE official, presented our facts about what had been witnessed, but were unable to bond out anyone. A report back from our visit went out to the people that had attended the Monday meeting. The next Saturday, Holy Saturday, a community meeting took place at YFCUCC. More than 100 people came and heard many people's stories, future actions were planned, and the Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights (WICIR) was born!

OUR MINISTRIES

HOLY GROUNDS AND TEA FOR THE SOUL

During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of Ypsi UCC provided local coffee, tea, coffee cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at Trinity Health St. Joe Mercy Hospital where Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown is the night chaplain. While the COVID crisis has partially resolved, the stress level of the night staff has not. Contributing factors include the long-term emerging effects of COVID, a lack of staff, a nation-wide nurse shortage, and staff burnout. The night shift greatly appreciates this ministry of hospitality and caring.

Please consider donating coffee that is roasted by local Michigan companies. Tea and single packaged candy or snacks are also welcome. Please contact Marty Kleino at Mgkleino@gmail.com or 734-262-1419 to have your donation delivered to St. Joes. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Dan Kidder-McQuown at mcq188@gmail.com or 517-240-8413.

THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to more than 800 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach was significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities experienced significant challenges as they struggled to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

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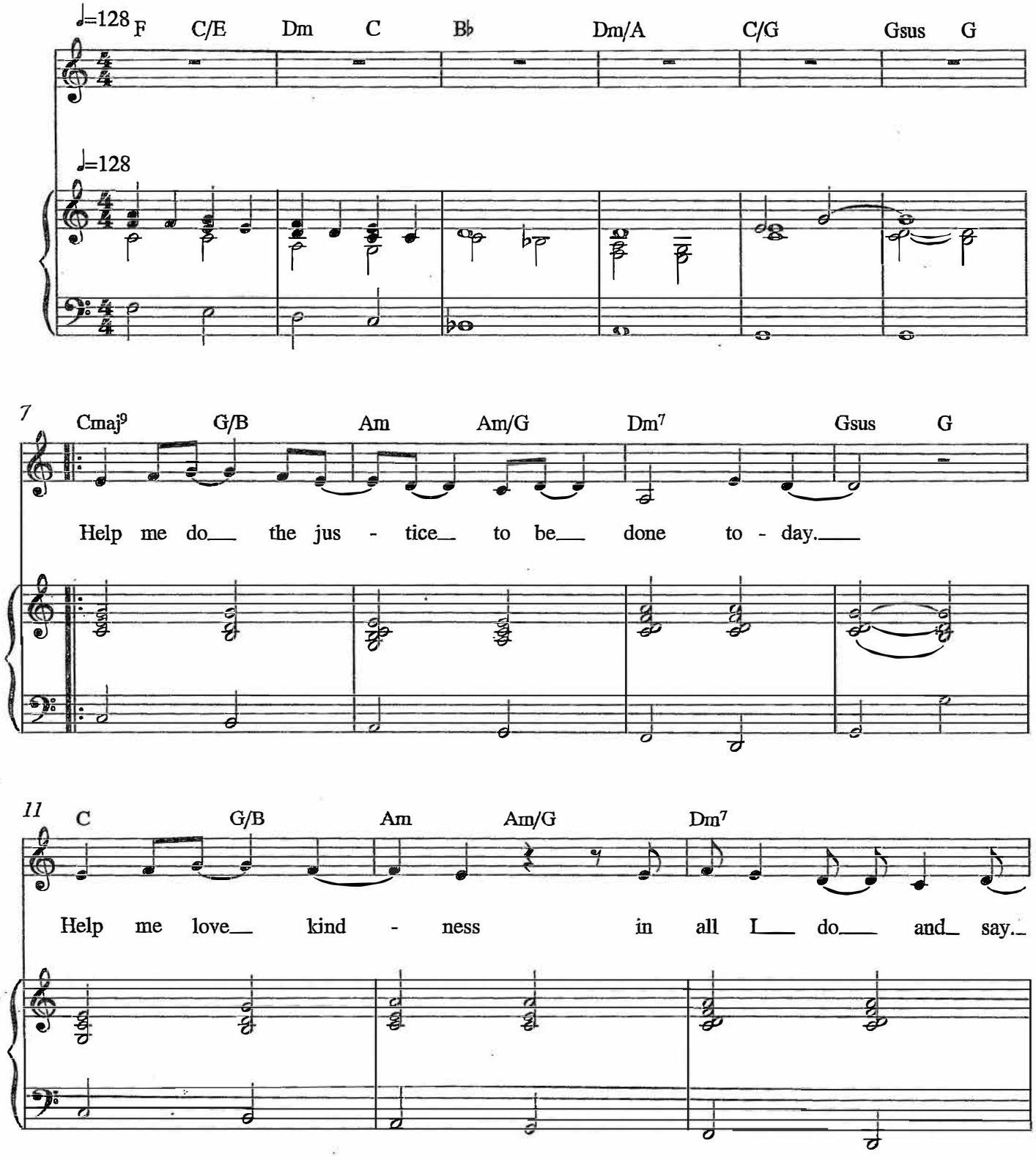
Every Step of the Way

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Help me love kind - ness in all I do and say.

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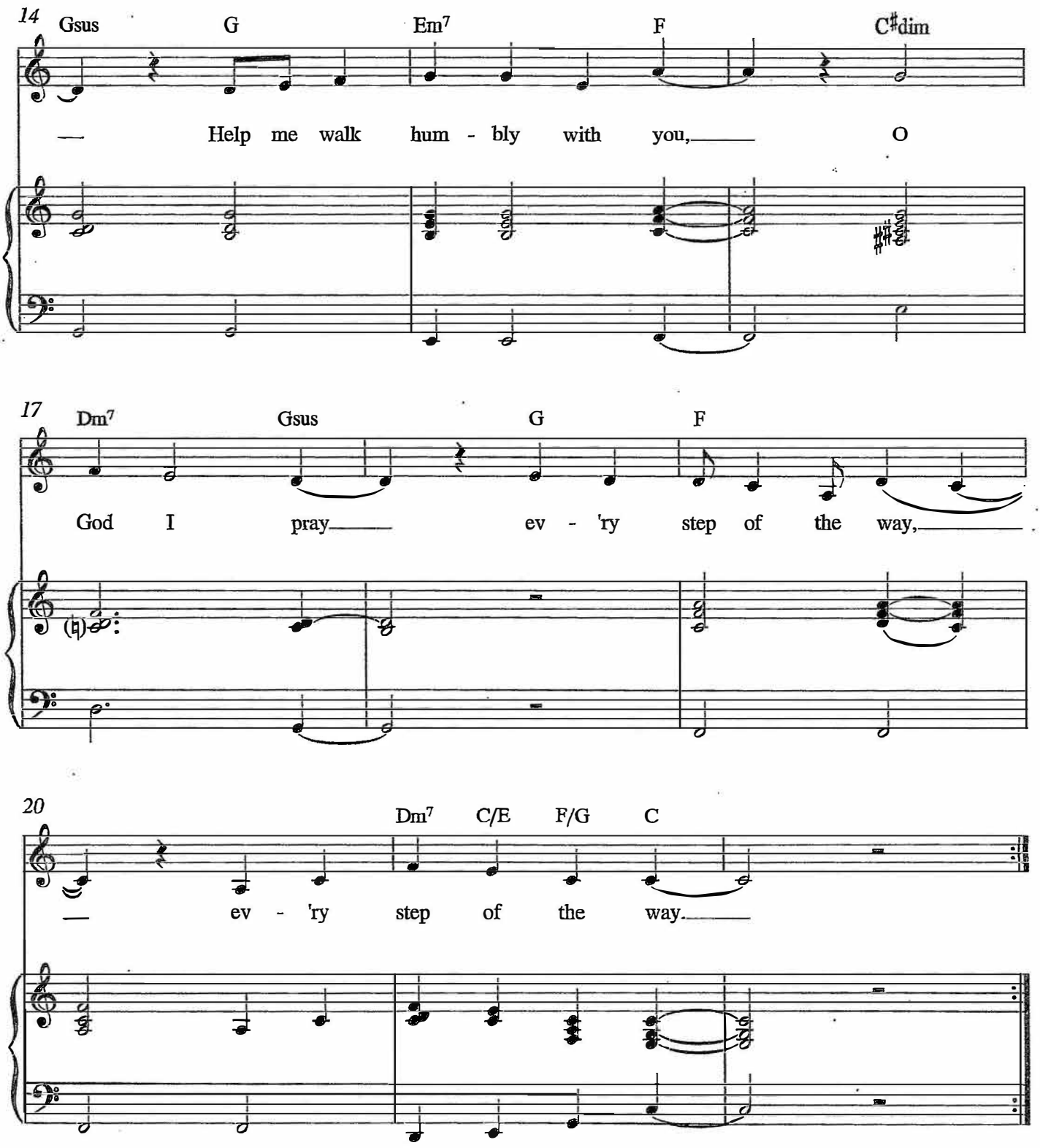
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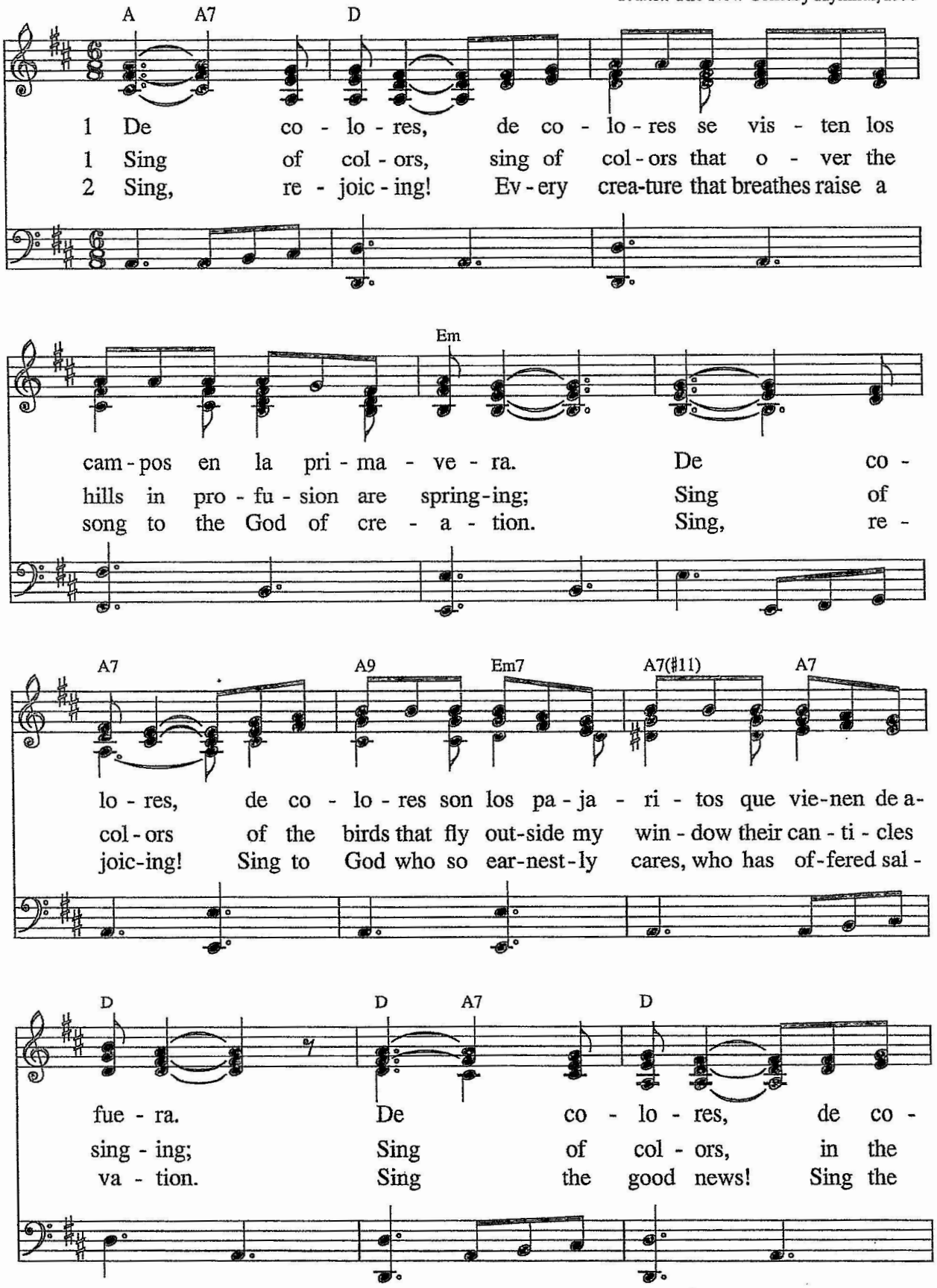
De colores
(Sing of Colors)

Mexican folk song
Transl. The New Century Hymnal, *1995*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joic-ing! Sing to God who so ear-nest-ly cares, who has of-fered sal -
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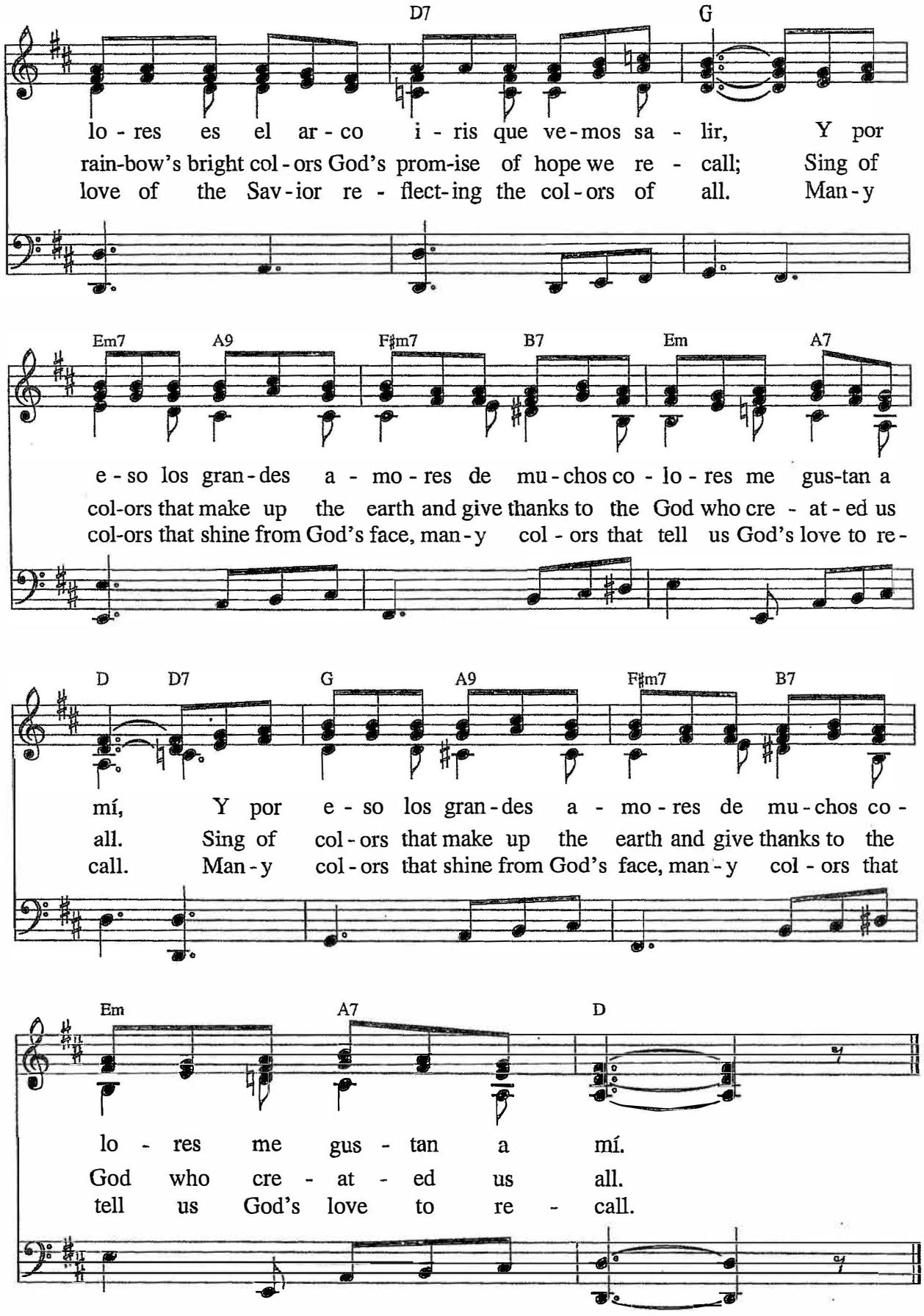
sing - ing; Sing of col - ors, in the
va - tion. Sing the good news! Sing the

This Mexican folk song is known by many Mexican-American churchgoers, and has also been popular among the United Farm Workers.

Tune: DE COLORES
Mexican folk song
Arr. Alfredo Morales, F.S.C.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God who cre - at - ed us all.
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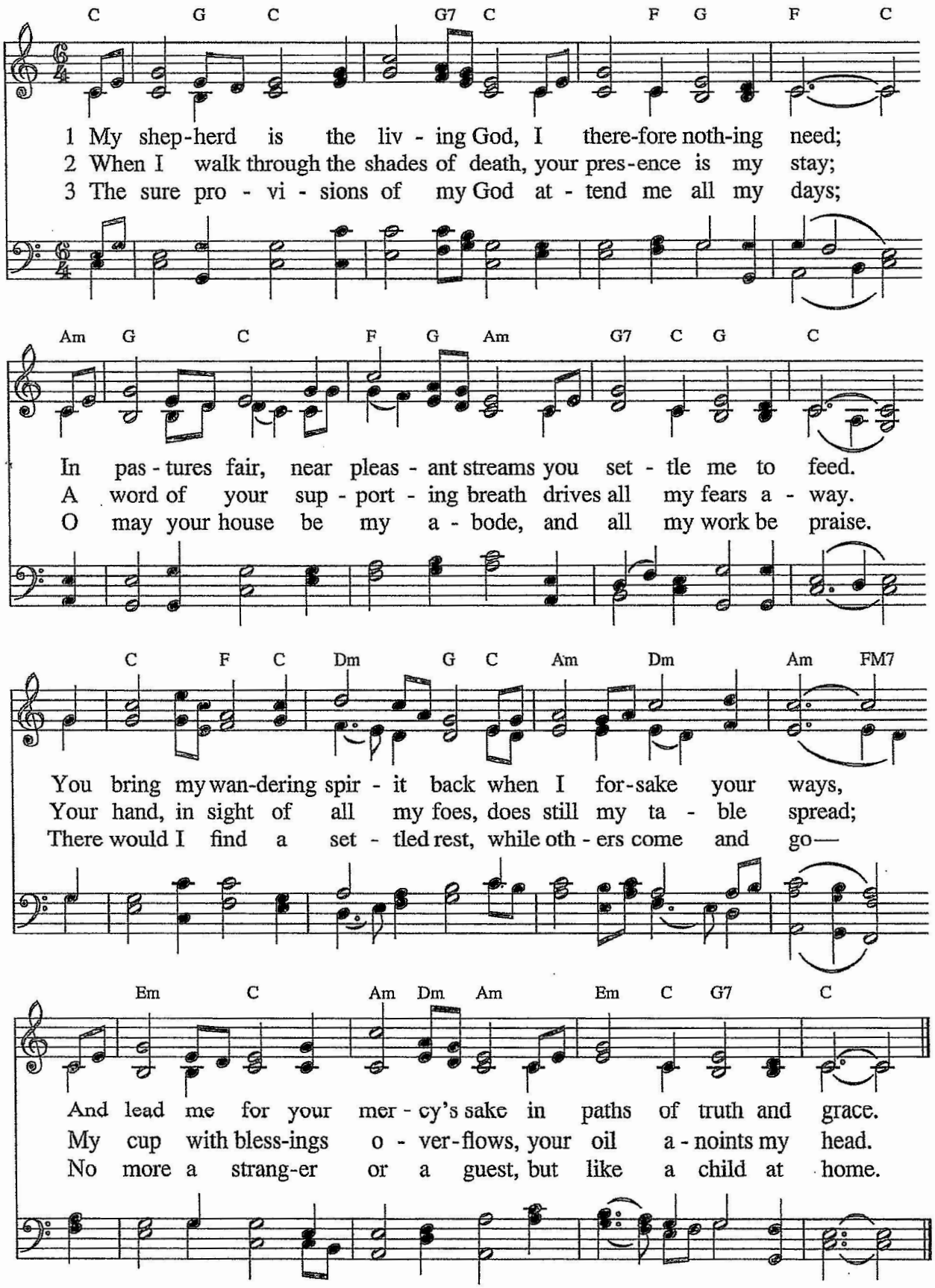
247 My Shepherd Is the Living God

Ps. 23; John 10:11, 27–30

Composite from Thomas Sternhold, 1549, and Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

C G C G7 C F G F C
1 My shep-herd is the liv - ing God, I there-fore noth-ing need;
2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;
Am G C F G Am G7 C G C
In pas - tures fair, near pleas - ant streams you set - tle me to feed.
A word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.
C F C Dm G C Am Dm Am FM7
You bring my wan-dering spir - it back when I for-sake your ways,
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers come and go—
Em C Am Dm Am Em C G7 C
And lead me for your mer - cy's sake in paths of truth and grace.
My cup with bless-ings o - ver-flows, your oil a - noints my head.
No more a strang-er or a guest, but like a child at home.

Isaac Watts, London's leading Congregational minister, wrote more than 600 hymns. His paraphrase of Psalm 23 has been altered here by combining a few phrases from Thomas Sternhold, a sixteenth-century English hymnwriter who also wrote metrical psalm texts.

Tune: CONSOLATION C.M.D.
Southern Harmony, *1835*
Harm. Erik Routley, 1976
Alternate tune: CRIMOND (Each stanza above becomes two stanzas.)

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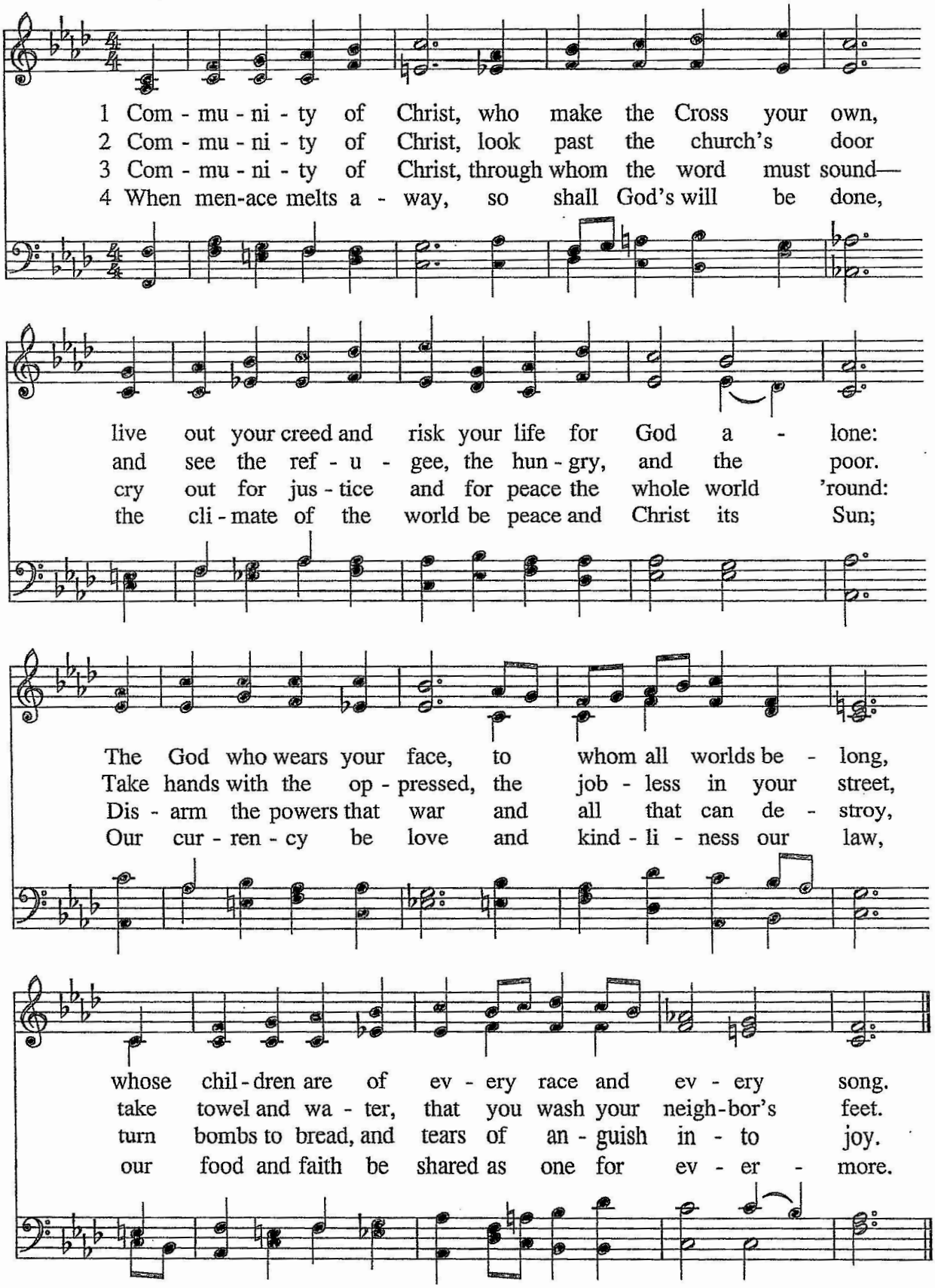
Shirley Erena Murray, 1985

1 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the Cross your own,
2 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church's door
3 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound—
4 When men-ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done,
live out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone:
and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor.
cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world 'round:
the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its Sun;
The God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long,
Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street,
Dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de - stroy,
Our cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law,
whose chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.
take towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh-bor's feet.
turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.
our food and faith be shared as one for ev - er - more.

Shirley Erena Murray has grown up within the Ecumenical Movement and addresses related themes such as Christian unity and social justice in her hymnody. This text was first sung at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

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